



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PATENT
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Serial No.: 10/541,827 : Art Unit: 2841
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Filed: July 11, 2005 : Examiner: J. C. Norris
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For: ADHESIVE CLOSING DEVICE :
PROVIDED WITH A SWITCHING :
CIRCUIT

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the March 17, 2010 final Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments:

Claims 15-34 are pending in the application, with claim 15 being independent.

Claim 17 corresponds to original claim 3 that was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter on page 7 of the July 22, 2009 Office Action. The withdrawal of the allowability of that subject matter in the March 17, 2010 Office Action renders the finality of that Office Action premature.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claim 15 cover an adhesive closure part 1 comprising a flat carrier 3 having first and second opposite surfaces, adhesive closure elements 2 of electrically insulating plastic projecting